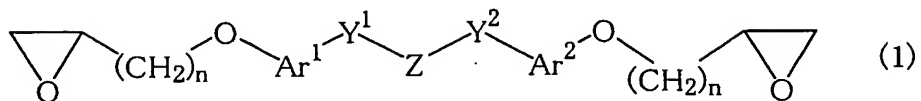


## CLAIMS

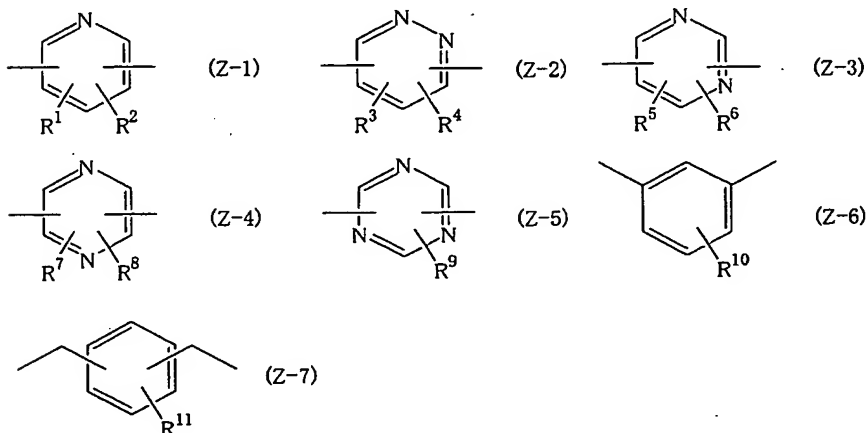
1. An epoxy compound of formula (1):



wherein n represents an integer of 1 to 9,

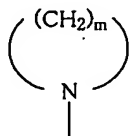
5        the  $-(CH_2)_n-$  group may have inserted  $-O-$ , or  $-N(R')-$ , between the methylene groups, wherein  $R'$  represents a hydrogen atom or a  $C_{1-18}$  alkyl group,

Z represents any one of divalent groups of the following general formulas (Z-1) to (Z-7):



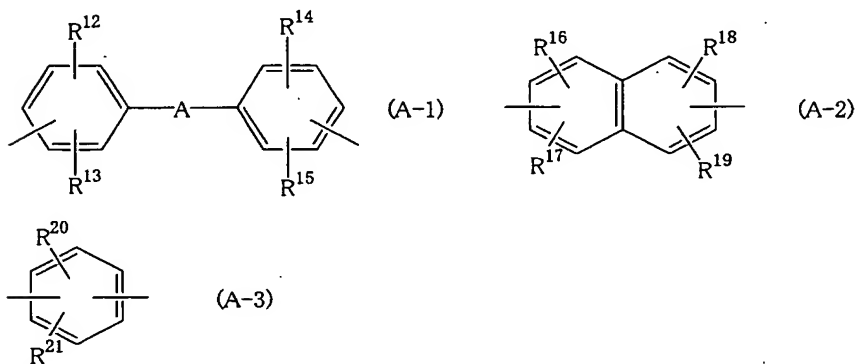
10        wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$ ,  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  are the same or different and represent independently a hydrogen atom, a  $C_{1-18}$  alkyl group, an amino group substituted with one or two  $C_{1-18}$  alkyl groups, or a cyclic amino group of

15        the following formula:

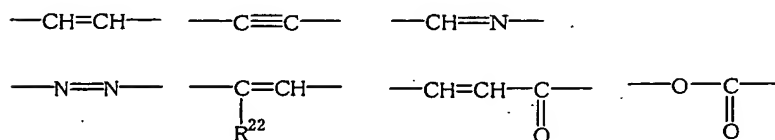


wherein m represents an integer of 4 to 12, and one methylene group or two or more not neighboring methylene groups of the C<sub>1-18</sub> alkyl group or groups as defined in connection with R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup> or R<sup>11</sup>, and of the cyclic amino group, may be replaced with -O-, -NH-, -N(R'')- or -S-, wherein R'' represents a C<sub>1-18</sub> alkyl group,

Ar<sup>1</sup> and Ar<sup>2</sup> are the same or different and represent any one of groups of the following formulas (A-1) to (A-3):



wherein A represents a single bond or any one group selected from the group consisting of:

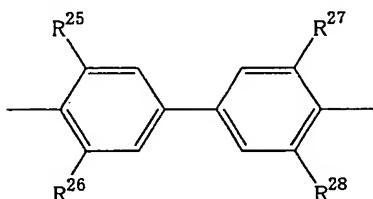


wherein R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup>, R<sup>16</sup>, R<sup>17</sup>, R<sup>18</sup>, R<sup>19</sup>, R<sup>20</sup>, R<sup>21</sup> and R<sup>22</sup> are the same or different and represent independently a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C<sub>1-18</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-8</sub> alkoxy group, a cyano group, or a nitro group,

Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>2</sup> are the same or different and represent a

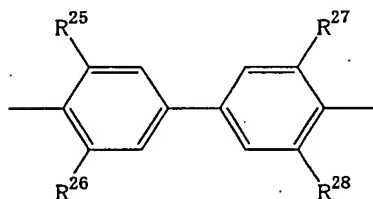
single bond, -O-, -S-, or -Si(R<sup>23</sup>)(R<sup>24</sup>)-, wherein R<sup>23</sup> and R<sup>24</sup> are the same or different and represent independently a lower alkyl group or a phenyl group.

- 5      2. The epoxy compound according to claim 1, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup> and Ar<sup>2</sup> in formula (1) are the same or different and represent independently a group of the following formula:



- 10      wherein R<sup>25</sup>, R<sup>26</sup>, R<sup>27</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> are the same or different and represent independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.

3. The epoxy compound according to claim 1, wherein Ar<sup>1</sup> and Ar<sup>2</sup> in formula (1) represent the same group of the following formula:



- 15      wherein R<sup>25</sup>, R<sup>26</sup>, R<sup>27</sup> and R<sup>28</sup> are the same or different and represent independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.

4. An epoxy composition, which comprises the epoxy  
20      compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 3 and a curing agent.

5. The epoxy composition according to claim 4, wherein the curing agent is an amine-type curing agent or a phenol type curing agent.

5

6. A cured epoxy resin product obtained by curing the epoxy composition as defined in claim 4 or 5.

7. A prepreg obtained by impregnating or coating a  
10 substrate with the epoxy composition of claim 4 or 5 and then semi-curing the epoxy composition.